



8 Weird and Wonderful Unique Cars

Looking for something other than the norm? Tired of seeing mass-produced Toyota Camry's or Subaru Forester's everywhere you go? Then check out my picks of the unique, the quirky, and the cars you may have never even seen on the road. Some were produced for a short time, and you may have to search further afield than your hometown to find what you're looking for, but it would be worth it to own a rare piece of transport history.

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1. Chevrolet SSR (2003-2006)

This retro 50's styled pickup not only turns heads, but is also a growing cult classic of automotive history. It has an impressive list of unique features such as the power-retractable hardtop convertible roof, carpeted flooring for not only the interior of the cab, but also for the rear cargo compartment area, rear on-board storage saddle bags and teak decking.



2. Subaru SVX (1991-1997)

In a class of its own, the SVX was Subaru's first foray into the luxury/performance market, and what a beauty it is. The smooth, controlled drive instantly put other brands to shame. The 3.3 liter flat-six engine was the largest to come out by Subaru until 2008, and the car has an All-Wheel Drive system (although a front-wheel version was offered during the 1994-1995 year).



3. Plymouth Prowler (1997-2002)

Looking more like the Predator from the films of the same name, this retro-flavored classic lends itself to being noticed for its aggressive 'hot rod' style front grille and divided, modernized bumpers. It housed a 3.5 liter V6 engine and 4-speed automatic transmission, and was well equipped with features such as keyless entry (to save fingernail scratches round the door handles), power windows, dual airbags, a color-keyed instrument panel, digital odometer and full instrumentation



4. Isuzu VehiCROSS (1999-2001)

For originality in the compact SUV range, the VehiCROSS wins hands down. It may share the 3.2 liter or 3.5 liter V6 engines with its Isuzu stable-mate 'Trooper', but its styling is completely different. Available for only three years in North America, the sporty yet versatile two-door crossover combined practicality and head-turning features such as the enhanced black plastic cladding covering the entire lower half of the vehicle and the titanium teeth on the front grille.



5. Nissan Juke (2011-2017)

I always find it hard to know which lights look like the ‘eyes’ of the car when looking at the front of the Nissan Juke. No strangers to unusual design (just look at the ‘Cube’ and ‘S-Cargo’), Nissan has produced a vehicle with three levels of lights that make the front end look alien-like, yet utterly unique – something Nissan does quite well. While North America didn’t get the second generation model which improved upon the front exterior look, Nissan still had six years to make their mark with this fun Crossover SUV.

